

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M-21-104

Magi No.

DOE yes no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Abell Norris/Stang House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 115 Chestnut ~~Avenue~~ <sup>St.</sup> not for publicationcity, town Gaithersburg vicinity of congressional district 9thstate Maryland county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town GA state and zip code 20878

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number folio

city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Nonedate \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☐ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This residence is a nearly unaltered example of a Craftsman cottage from the early 20th century.

The subject house faces northeast on a near half-acre triangular corner lot at Chestnut Street and West Diamond Avenue in a neighborhood of mixed architectural styles and lot sizes. Neighboring structures range from 1950 and 1960 1-story ramblers on 6,000 square foot lots to a historic brick pumphouse and a large apartment complex across Diamond Avenue, a four-lane state highway. This house has had its moderate setback from Diamond slightly reduced by recent street widening and the addition of a sidewalk. The yard is shaded by mature trees and landscaped with foundation shrubs and a rear yard and garden which is enclosed by a lattice privacy fence. There is a paved driveway east of the house with a parking area. The house is accessed by a concrete walkway from the driveway and another from the public sidewalk on Chestnut.

The craftsman-influenced 1-1/2 story frame side-gabled house has a large center front hipped-roof dormer room, a recessed front porch on the northwest corner, a full-width porch on the east facade which is half enclosed, and a rear enclosed porch. The roof is composition shingled with one interior brick chimney. The wood fishscale shingles in the attic gable are separated from the narrow clapboard and cornerboards on the main body and dormer of the house by a strong corniceboard. The 6/1 windows with plain surrounds are found singly and paired.

The 3-bay north (front) facade has two full-sized windows in the attic hipped-roof dormer, one window in the east bay and the recessed porch supported by two square 3/4 posts on brick piers in the west part of the facade. The recessed porch has an exterior door (now boarded up) in the east wall and an exterior door and a windows in the south porch wall.

The west facade has a central pair of windows and a small octagonal window in the far southern corner in the attic story and one central window on the 1st story. The east facade has two widely spaced windows in the attic story and a shed-roofed porch on the 1st story. The north portion, an open porch, has one square post on the northeast corner, a window in the west wall of the house, and a door in the south wall entering the enclosed half of the porch. The east exterior wall of the enclosed part of the porch has a central pair of windows.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates ca. 1913 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This well-detailed Craftsman-influenced 1-1/2 story house was built in Meem's addition by Abell and Mary Norris. This was the only house at the west end of Chestnut Street for many years.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Meem's Addition is part of 200 acres purchased by Martha A. Meem from Mary J. Bibb at \$5.00 per acre in 1862, 1/ which she began selling in parcels shortly after her husband's death in 1865. 2/

The private right of way for Chestnut Street was first dedicated in 1873 to provide access to houses and commercial property near Wards Station on the railroad and development quickly followed. 3/ By 1894 three fine houses were at the Meem and Chestnut intersection. 4/

In 1896, the land along Chestnut, Meem, and Diamond Avenues was subdivided as "Meem's Addition to Gaithersburg" into 30 half-acre lots adding a short unnamed street (now Floral Drive) and two alleys. 5/ A flurry of land transfers occurred between the children to clear titles and divide the estate.

In March of 1896, Cloriviere E. and Mary Jane Meem received title to lots 10 and 11 from the other heirs to Martha Meem's estate. 6/ In 1911, both lots, 7/8 acres, were sold to Abell A. and Mary E. Norris for \$350. 7/ Norris took a mortgage of \$800 in 1913 and another for \$500 in 1915 from the Sykesville Building Association. 8/ Both were paid off in 1919 when a deed for the property was issued to Robert Case. 9/ However, Case mortgaged the property for \$1250 to William R. Lyddane. 10/ who assigned the note to Edna H. Beall when the Norrises purchased the property back from Robert Case in 1920. 11/

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History (continued)

The Abell Norriss/ Stang House - 115 Chestnut Street

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In 1925 the house and lot 10 only was sold to Raymond Stang and his wife. 12/ McGraw Field was across the Barnesville road, about where the Londonderry Apartment Complex is located in 1990. The Gaithersburg baseball team practiced and played its games at the McGraw baseball diamond and Mrs. Stang was noted for watching for stray balls, then running out and getting them when they came into the yard to prevent the players from climbing her fence and breaking it down. 13/

In 1940 E. Ambrose Hoopengardner placed a mortgage on the property, then received a deed from the Stangs and mortgaged it to Fred Atwell. 14/ The estate of his widow, Rose Hoopengardner, sold the property to Mildred E. Nichols in the 1950s. 15/ It was sold several years ago to the present owners.

Footnotes:

1. Montgomery County Land Record JGH9/228 and The Montgomery County the tax assessment for 1863 which lists George Meem with 200 acres at \$5.00 per acre with no improvements.
2. Judy Christensen, "Meem's Addition to Gaithersburg", 1990, for City of Gaithersburg.
3. Montgomery County Land Record EBP10/388 where Ward & Fulks purchased 3 acres by the railroad and a road right of way to the Barnesville Road. It became a public road in 1883 by petition to the County Commissioners.
4. C.J. Maddox Jr., "Map of Gaithersburg" 1894.
5. Montgomery County Plat 3/133 (1896 recorded 1910).
6. Land Records JA 53/109 et. seq., Heirs to George Meem, and JA55/105, George W. Meem and others to Clorivier Meem (1896).
7. Land Record 216/496 (1911)
8. Land Record 233/231 (1913) and 225/218 (1915).
9. Land Record 284/32 (1919).
10. Land Record 297/80 (1920)
11. Ibid. Norris seems to have assumed the Case Mortgage in the same document and paid off the debt July 21, 1925.
12. 378/475 (1925)
13. Telephone interview with Daniel Robertson, May 1990. Mr. Robertson's parents built 115 Meem Avenue in 1910.
14. Land Record 783/140 (1940) mortgage to Hoopengardner and Land Record 783/149, Deed to Hoopengardner, and 783/153, Mortgage from Fred Atwell. (1940)
15. Land Record 2565/146

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land, Plat, and Assessment records; 1894 Map of Gaithersburg; Telephone interview with Daniel Robertson, May 1990.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_ .45 acre

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 10 of Meem's Addition to Gaithersburg.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Judy Christensen		
organization	for the City of Gaithersburg	date	May 1990
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city or town	Gaithersburg	state	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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GAITHERSBURG HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
- - -

ADDRESS 115 CHESTNUT STREET  
County: Montgomery  
Gaithersburg

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LIBER 2565, FOLIO 146

SURVEY # 051  
LOT L10, BLOCK -

OWNER: Mildred Day  
ADDRESS: Washington Towers, #1907  
CITY: Gaithersburg

PRESENT USE: residence  
ORIGINAL USE: residence  
BUILDER: unknown

STYLE: Bungalow

DATE BUILT: c.1910

PHYS. COND: good

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

FOUNDATION: brick  
WALL STRUCTURE: Balloon  
WALL COVERING: novelty siding

ROOF CONSTRUCTION:

ROOF STRUCTURE: Wood Truss  
ROOF COVERING: asphalt shingle  
ROOF STYLE: gable  
EAVES: boxed cornice, ogee molding  
CHIMNEYS: left center

APPENDAGES:

ADDITIONS: rear, left  
ELLS: -  
PORCHES: front  
SUPPORTS: -  
OUTBUILDINGS: -

STORIES: 1 3/4

BAYS: 2 x 2

APPROX DIMENSION: 24 x 26

WINDOWS:

TYPE: d.h.s.  
LIGHTS: 6/1

BAY WINDOWS: -  
SIDE BY SIDES: right  
GABLE TYPES: 6/1

ENTRANCES:

LOCATION: right  
DESCRIPTION: decorative

THREAT: none

SURROUNDINGS: residential

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DESCRIPTION: Front-south-facing facade, altered bungalow style. Roof has large half-hipped dormer, two bays wide. First floor-left bay, one 6/1 window; right bay is inset under roof, contained porch, front door and 6/1 window. Porch has two doors with top and bottom entablature, half-door glass, ornate recessed panels, ornate oval handle and beaded plate. Addition to left with wider German siding with small front porch inset under shed roof with boxed cornice.

Left elevation-two bays deep. Left, gable end imbricated wooden shingles. Original 6/1 windows. Rear elevation-first floor, shed-roof enclosed section with exposed rafters. Second floor has shed-roof dormer with exposed rafter ends, two bays wide, window 6/1 in each. Right elevation-imbricated wooden shingles on second storey gable, double 6/1 windows in center of each. First floor, inset porch on left, window left center 6/1, addition to right with another window and entrance.

Recorded by:

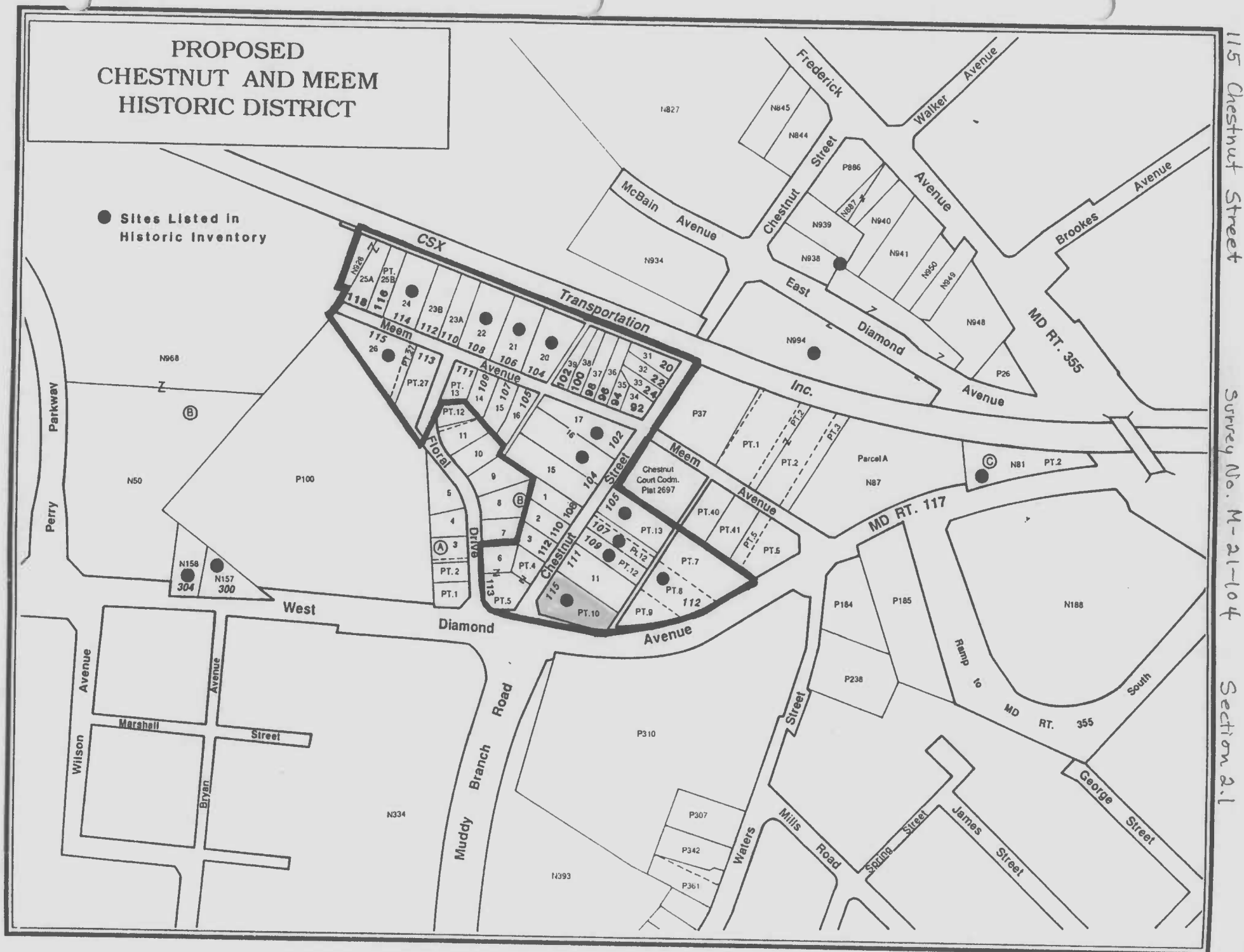
P. Patula/C. MacFarland

September 18, 1982

Historic Inventory Task Force

# PROPOSED CHESTNUT AND MEEM HISTORIC DISTRICT

● Sites Listed In  
Historic Inventory



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Section 2.1





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115 Chestnut Street - East facade  
Gaithersburg, MD

Montgomery County

Photographer Judy Christensen  
Date 1990



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115 Chestnut Street  
Gaithersburg, Md. 20877  
Montgomery County

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Date 1990

Rear yard